| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2. | 2005-06 | 193.06 | 72.395 | 0.00 |
| 3. | 2006-07 | 198.62 | 221.37 | 0.00 |
| 4. | 2007-08 | 204.48 | 153.36 | 0.00 |
| 5. | 2008-09 (till date) | 210.63 | 78.99 | 300.00 |

As per the information received from the Government of Assam, Manual of Calamity Relief Fund is followed by the State for providing relief assistance to the farmers by flood. Floods affected farmers were provided by the State Government input subsidy by way of distribution of free Rabi seeds, vegetable packets, paddy seeds, Sali seedlings, paddy seeds, tractorisation to make good of their loss of products as per the Plan programme chalked out by the State Agriculture Department. Details of affected farm families and assistance provided by the State Government are as under:—

| Sl. No. | Years | No. of farm families affected by flood (flood and drought in 2006) | Fund provided under CRF for relief assistance to calamity affected farmers (Rs. in lakh) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2004-05 | 15.09.323 | 1,083.00 |
| 2. | 2005-06 | 1,96,643 | 143.00 |
| 3. | 2006-07 | 13,88,920 | 3,693.00 |
| 4. | 2007-08 | 14,97,841 | 3,417.038 |
| 5 | 2008-09 (under implementation) | 7,56,432 | 3,000.00 |

The policy of the Government is to provide assistance to the affected persons as per the extant items and norms, which include assistance to the affected farmers for damage to crops, including of agricultural input subsidy, uniformally to all States.

**Persons killed by blueline buses in Delhi**

1787. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed by blueline buses in Delhi during 2007 and 2008 till date together with details thereof;

(b) how many drivers/owners of blueline buses have been booked under Section 304A of IPC and the reasons for not cancelling their driving licences/permits who are involved in more than one accident;

(c) whether there is any proposal to amend the Motor Vehicle Act to make the punishment more stringent so as to be a deterrent on the erring drivers of blueline buses; and

(d) the steps taken to make Delhi roads accident free?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) Total number of person killed by blueline buses in Delhi during the year 2007 and upto 15th October, 2008 is given below:—

| Year | Persons killed |
|---|---|
| 2007 | 163 |
| 2008 upto 15.10.08 | 94 |

(b) The year-wise details of blueline buses driver/owner booked in fatal road accident cases (*i.e.* u/s 304A) is as under:—

| Year | No. of Driver/owner booked |
|---|---|
| 2007 | 165 |
| 2008 upto 15.10.08 | 91 |

The Transport Department of Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that in the past one year 36 permits of buses involved in more than on fatal accident were cancelled. The Transport Department, Government of NCT of Delhi has also cancelled driving licenses of 1312 drivers till date, who were involved in fatal accidents.

(c) The Government has introduced the Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill in Rajya Sabha on 15.5.2007 which, *inter-alia* provides for enhancement of punishment for various traffic violations, such as, driving without driving license, driving at excessive speed, driving dangerously, drunken driving *etc.* to make them more deterrent in order to minimize the road accidents. It also consists of enhancement of punishment to those vehicle owners, who allow unauthorized persons to drive the vehicle.

(d) The Delhi Police has taken a number of steps to make Delhi roads accident-free which include spreading awareness among various categories of Road users by distribution of Road safety Literature with an objective of inculcating better road discipline among them; laying emphasis on defensive driving, lane driving, and observation of general traffic rules on Delhi roads; training of professional drivers of buses and commercial vehicles; rigid enforcement of traffic rules in Delhi; special prosecution drives against DTC, Private buses and heavy commercial vehicles from time to time; concerted action against drunken driving, reckless driving, minor's driving, red light jumping, over speeding *etc.* to reduce road accidents; suspension of permits of commercial vehicles violating directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India; computer based road accident analysis system for scientifically analyzing road accident on various important parameters and indentification of Block Spots; segregation of fast moving traffic from slow moving traffic; provision of bus bays, yellow boxes, bus boxes *etc.* on city roads; introduction of traffic signals/blinkers in accident-prone areas; more police presence in

accident-prone areas; introduction of Area Traffic Control System to ensure safe and smooth flow of traffic; prosecution of traffic violator through interceptors, Red Speed Check Camera and Simputer; monitoring of traffic through Traffic Monitoring System; *etc*.

**Incessant rains in Tamil Nadu**

1788. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incessant rain claimed many lives and caused an extensive damage to standing crops in Tamil Nadu recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Central team visited Tamil Nadu to make survey about the damage caused by rain; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) to (d) As per the memorandum received from the Government of Tamil Nadu, heavy torrential rains due to cyclone during last week of November, 2008 resulted in floods, taking a toll of 186 human lives and 3942 cattle lives besides damage to agricultural and horticultural crops *e.g.* paddy, millets, pulses, cotton, sugarcane, oilseeds, coconut/oilpalm, over an area of 5.97 lakh ha in various parts of the State.

The State Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted a memorandum projecting additional Central assistance amounting to Rs. 3789 crore for relief operations of immediate nature as well as undertaking permanent restoration in the affected areas. Upon receipt of the memorandum, an Inter-Ministerial Team was constituted for an on-the-spot assessment of damage and requirement of funds, which visited the State during 7-11th December, 2008. Further action will be taken on receipt of report of the Central Team.

Pending the processing of the memorandum of the State Government, advance releases of 2nd installment of the Central share of Calamity Relief Fund for the year 2008-2009 amounting to Rs. 90.76 crore as well Central share of CRF for the year 2009-2010 amounting to Rs. 47.65 crore have been made on 12th December, 2008. Earlier, 1st installment of the Central share of CRF for the year 2008-2009, amounting to Rs. 90.76 crore was released on 10th April, 2008.

**Request from States for funds under MPF**

1789. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from various State Governments to sanction additional funds for modernisation of Police Force in view of increased terrorist activities and naxalite violence; and